

MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of the Library Advisory Board
Marathon Library
August 25, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Monroe County Library Board was called to order at 10:36 a.m. by Chair Michael Shields. Present were Board members Stephanie Griffiths, George McHugh, and Mimi Young.

Participants included (alphabetically), Marathon Library Manager Cristy Danford, Director of Libraries Norma Kula, and Library Administrator Anne Layton Rice.

INTRODUCTIONS: Participants briefly introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the June 23, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with an amendment regarding funding for restoration of Islamorada Library's bas reliefs.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Director of Libraries Norma Kula relayed regrets from County Administrator Roman Gastesi.
- Director of Libraries Norma Kula read Susan Miller's resignation letter. Board chair Michael Shields will send her a note of thanks for her service.
- Library Administrator Anne Layton Rice read a letter from the Wolfsonian-FIU Museum expressing appreciation and plans for digitization of the Spanish-American War sheet music collection.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Director of Libraries Norma Kula updated the Board on the budget discussions to be held September 3, 9, and 11. The mandate for a flat budget including a 2% salary increase remained in place. Board members reported on individual meetings with their appointing commissioners regarding budget concerns.
- Director of Libraries Norma Kula updated the Board on the Marathon Library building project. An architectural firm has been selected via the RFQ process and a contract is expected to be on the next BOCC meeting agenda. Marathon Library Manager Cristy Danford discussed the vision of Marathon library staff to position the new Library as a community anchor.
- The Board determined that their Takeaway item will be participation in Marathon Library building planning, focus groups and roundtables.
- Board Vice-Chair Stephanie Griffiths reported on efforts to identify restoration funding opportunities for the WPA bas reliefs of the Islamorada Library.

- Director of Libraries Norma Kula distributed updates to the Library Advisory Board Handbook. Staff was directed to add the Library's Annual Plan of Service to the website. Board chair Michael Shields will be preparing the Board's Annual Report for the October 27th meeting.
- Director of Libraries Norma Kula distributed updated wish lists from each library location. Board members commented on accomplishments from previous lists.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm. The next meeting will be October 27, 2015 at the Islamorada Library.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Layton Rice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Layton Rice
Library Administrator